(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Training for SCs and STs

†256. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any provision to impart training through industries to the pepole belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country, in order to increase their entrepreneurship and efficiency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent people belonging to these categories have been benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT: (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the commitment contained in the National Common Minimum Programme to initiate a dialogue with industry and other organisations to fulfill the aspirations of SC and ST youth, consultations have been held with representatives of Apex Industries Associations. The Confederation of Indian Industry and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India in their joint report— "Concrete Steps by Indian Industry on Inclusiveness for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes"— have volunteered to take steps for enhancing the employability of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes through education, training and entrepreneurship development.

Norms for aid to NGOs and State Governments

257. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT to pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for eligibility for financial aid to NGOs and State Governments;

(b) whether any monitoring Committee have been formed by Government to look into the functioning of various NGOs;

(c) if so, whether such Committee have been able to detect the malfunctioning of NGOs; and

(d) if so, the number thereof and whether action have been taken against these defaulting NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Financial assistance is provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations subject to fulfilment of the following criteria:

(i) Non profit making society registered under an appropriate Act with an appropriate administrative structure and a duly constituted managing/ executive committee.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(ii) Registration for a minimum period of two years at the time of applying for grant in aid.

Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and NGOs as per the norms laid down in the schemes. The details are available in the Annual Report of the Ministry.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise. However, the guidelines and existing mechanism for sanction of grant-in-aid have adequate safety measures for detecting the irregularities in functioning of NGOs.

Central assistance to Maharashtra for OBCs

258. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheather it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has sent a proposal for sanction of money for Central assistance under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal; and

(c) the quantum of money released, so far, to the State Government and the number of beneficiaries under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A proposal for release of Rs. 160 crores was received in 2006-07 but the funds could not be released as the State Government had not sent the Utilisation Certificates for the amount released in earlier years.

Under utilization of allocated funds

259. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government had surrendered hundred of crores of rupees during 2004-05 which was meant for various schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had not pursued the State Governments NGOs to sent the proposals under various schemes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) There was a saving of Rs. 145.92 crores during the year 2004-05.

(b) The saving was due to non receipt of adequate proposals from State Governments/ UT Administrations/Universities/Non Governmental Organisations etc.

(c) and (d) Concerned organisations were requested to sent the proposals in time.